development of Qutub Minar and Taj Mahal respectively. Besides, there are on-going programmes on maintenance, conservation and environmental development of important ASI protected monuments.

**Promotion of Tourism**

2496. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what arc the details of the projects and financial assistance sanctioned, released and utilised for development and promotion of tourism sector in the country during the last three years;

(b) the details of achievements made so far in this regard; and

(c) the details of the new projects formulated and implemented in the country, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Department of Tourism, Government of India sanctioned 945 projects amounting to Rs. 215.50 crores and released Rs. 90.52 crores for these projects during the last three years *i.e.* 1999-2000 to 2001-02. Utilisation of funds is the responsibility of the concerned State Govcrnmcnts/UT Administrations.

(b) State Governmcnts/UT Administrations arc expected to complete the projects within 30 months from the date of sanction of the project.

(c) The following new schemes have been included in the Annual Plan 2002-03:

(1) Integrated development of tourist circuits;

(2) Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development;

(3) Assistance for large revenue generating projects;

(4) Capacity building for service providers.